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HE WILL FLY UP TO NEW YORK WITH MRS. THURMOND AND HIS ASSISTANTS ESPECIALLY FOR THIS LUNCHEON. W. W. CHAPLIN WILL PRESIDE PERSONALITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN NEW YORK WILL BE PRESENT. AFTER A SHORT SPEECH, THE PRESS WILL FIRE QUESTIONS AT GOVERNOR THURMOND.

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C H E S A P E A K E A N D O H I O L I N E S

NEWS.... THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA HAS ESTABLISHED A GEORGE POLK MEMORIAL AWARD WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET. THIS AWARD WILL BE GIVEN TO A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT IN THE FIELD FOR OUTSTANDING REPORTING "BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY". THE AWARD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN ORDER TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF OUR FORMER MEMBER WHOSE FEARLESS AND COURAGEOUS REPORTING CAUSED HIS MURDER.

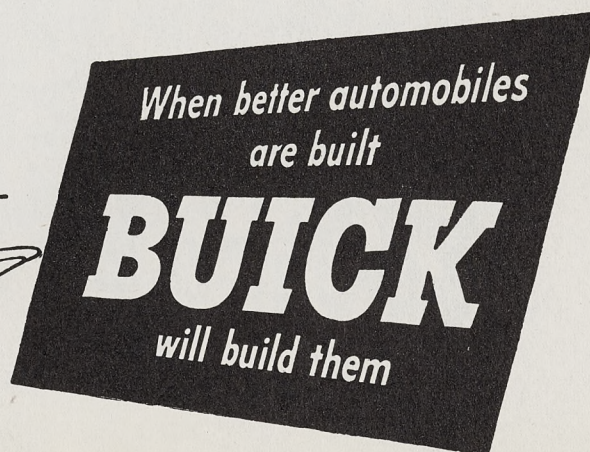
Fred Sparks, of the Chicago Daily News Foreign Service, has returned to the States for a brief stay. Fred left Athens just a week before Polk was killed. He feels that neither the Government nor the Guerrillas were involved. The Government is doing very well with US dollars and Markos is reputed to be quite aware of press potentialities so that either would be "slightly mad to fiddle with the life of a US correspondent". However, Sparks says that there are right and left extremists on both sides who would be glad to do the job on any Yank working for a press outfit or radio hookup.

Sparks says it is not hard to get bumped off in Greece. Before Homer Bigart of the NYHT went to see Markos, he and Fred were wandering one night around the sewer filled town of Kazani. A Greek civilian guard poked a gun at their navels and demanded something--in Greek. Both of these men were short on passwords in that ancient tongue. For some minutes the guard could not make up his mind whether to blast Homer's double stomach or Fred's double chin. Sparks rose to the occasion by repeating "AMERICANO.. AMERICANO" like Ethel Waters singing Flat Foot Flossie with the Floy Floy. Perspiring freely, the two correspondents were permitted to go to bed - alive.

George Herald of the International News Service in Vienna writes that Budapest is still the gayest spot in Eastern Europe now. The press colony there consists of N.Y. TIMES veteran correspondent John MacCormic; Gaylord Hodenfield of AP; Jack Bernard of UP; Al Kenrick of CBS and Simon Bourgin of Time and Life. John Gunther, OPC member just paid them a visit for a few days around Sept. 24th. Gaston Coblentz, Herald Tribune man, spends most of his time in Prague and Budapest. Dan Schorr has been covering Indonesia for the Christian Science Monitor, Time and ABC since he left New York. He is now in Holland and says he misses OPC gossip. Dan writes that the Netherlands has been a busy place, what with Royal jubilee, abdication, coronation and a whole mess of Congresses -- philosophers, lawyers, university professors and the Council of Churches. There is even an International Conference of Municipalities. N.W.Schorr got so mixed up at times that he started addressing deacons as Your Majesty. He sends regards to all and sundry.

The premiere of "A Foreign Affair" held at the Paramount Theatre in July donated to the Correspondents' Fund a total of one thousand dollars. This amount brings our Fund over the twenty thousand dollar mark. Ben Washer of Paramount is to be congratulated on this affair as is Bernard Estes, Jack Doorty and others. Ralph Frantz, club treasurer, handed the final check to Mr. Lucian Kirtland, treasurer of the Fund, at the Board meeting held on September 15th.

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AVAILABLE.....GIRL FOR TRANSLATION AND EDITORIAL RESEARCH WITH FLUENT KNOWLEDGE OF
FRENCH AND RUSSIAN. CAPABLE AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY OPC MEMBERS WHO KNOW HER.

Drew Middleton, correspondent of the New York Times, writes of "The People Behind the Kremlin" in the September issue of Cosmopolitan. Middleton says that the Russians are a fine warm-hearted people but they have no more control over their destiny now than they have had in centuries past.

Thomas R. Curran, United Press for South America, has announced the appointment of George Pipal as director of incoming European service and William H. McCall as director of service in South America. McCall will supervise both the news service and its affiliated features.

Arthur Settel, former member of the OPC, has returned to the U.S., for a short trip. He is chief of Press Information Bureau of the Joint Commission at Frankfurt, Germany. Arthur reports that Jack Raymond of the N.Y. Times also returned to the States for a short trip.

Richard Tregaskis received the plaque for the Overseas Press Club of America from the American Air Forces Association at its first reunion at Madison Square Garden, Saturday, Sept. 25th.

Clete Roberts was awarded the first annual award of the National Association of Radio News Directors for "outstanding reporting" of the GOP and Demo National conventions. Roberts is co-owner of Tellamerica in Hollywood. From the West Coast, Clete reports that Virgil Pinkley, former UP manager in Europe, will be the publisher of a new afternoon tabloid of the Los Angeles Times; Ed Murray, formerly UP in Italy will be managing editor. Robert Meyer, formerly UP in Italy and England, is now with CBS on the Coast.

Darrell Berrigan, correspondent for Satevepost in Far East, writes in the Saturday Evening Post of last week about American forces in China. The article is entitled "Is Our Navy Trapped in China?"

Sidney Kirsten has returned from a tour of several months with the Freedom Train. He is now director of the American Heritage Foundation at 17 E. 45th St., here in New York. Leslie Balogh Bain, formerly of station WKAT in Miami, Florida, is now residing in New York.

There will be a meeting of the House Committee on Tuesday, October Fifth, at 5:30 P.M., according to Marion Sanford, chairman.

Dean Jennings, new member, has been living in San Quentin Prison three or four days a week since July - not as an inmate, thank the Lord - but doing research on a book which will be an autobiography of Warden Clinton Duffy. He has been elected to a number of convict organizations and finds it is fascinating stuff.

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Grace Corson won the first copy of the OPC book "AS WE SEE RUSSIA" at the luncheon of Sept. 15th, which launched the book. Anne Marie Jungmann won the book "Hate, Hope and High Explosives" by George Fielding Eliot, who was present to autograph it for her at the dinner of Sept. 22nd at which meeting, Bert Brandt won the book "Eisenhower Was My Boss" by Kay Summersby, who was present. John Goette won the third jackpot book of that dinner - it was "Gallup Poll Almanac" presented by Lewis Bown, member, associate editor of Gallup Poll.

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The following applications have been received in the club office. Please send your recommendations, complaints and suggestions to Craig Thompson, Chairman of the Admissions Committee, within two weeks in writing, about any of the people named below. They have not been acted upon by the Committee, which will meet the early part of October to take up the applications received since their last meeting in August.

ACTIVE:

JOHN DONOVAN, National Broadcasting Company, just returned from the Middle East. With NBC from 1945 to present. Egypt, Palestine, Greece, Turkey, Middle East.

FRANK FRAZIER, director, Direct Mail Advertising Ass'n. Formerly, China, April to Aug. 1927 for Philadelphia Bulletin. PRO, GHQ, SWPA, May, 1944 to Sept. 1945.

NEDVILLE ERVING NORDNESS, staff correspondent of International News Service in Scandinavia and Finland. War correspondent, Associated Press, ETO, March, 1944 to December, 1945; August 1945 to May, 1946, Chief of Bureau for AP in Norway; August 1946, INS Scandinavia. As war correspondent assigned for brief periods to both London and Paris Bureaus, AP.

ASSOCIATE:

JEAN SPEISER, Black Star Publishing Co., New York. Bogota Colombia, April-May 1948 for Pan-American Conference; Mexico, Dec.-Jan. 1945-46 for Life magazine; Guatemala, Oct. 1946 for Life Mag.; Bermuda, June 1945 (Life) and Canada, June 1946, photographer for Life.

GUEST.

THEODORE H. PREISER, Editor of Palestine Financial Review, here in U.S. for reporting.

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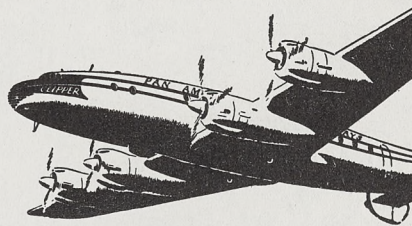
Pat Nieburg is now working with the City News Bureau of Chicago. He ran into his old friend Bill Hipple, formerly Newsweek in Stockholm, a week ago. Bill is busy dashing back and forth between Dallas and the Coast for American Overseas Airlines.

Glenn Babb, Foreign editor of the Associated Press, has been succeeded by Ben Bassett. AP guys say that they never had to consult the morgue of AP on any event of the last quarter of a century because it was always easier to ask Babb, who had the answer on the tip of his tongue, plus all the interesting details.

Isaac Don Levine, Russian speaking editor of PLAIN TALK, is helping Mrs. Oksana Kasenkina, the Russian schoolteacher who leaped from a consulate window rather than return to the USSR, write her story in 28 - 1,000-word installments for King Features.

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The opening luncheon of the year drew a record number of 170 members and guests. W.W. Chaplin presided at this launching of our third OPC book "AS WE SEE RUSSIA" published by E.P.Dutton and Co. Authors present and seated at the head table were Joseph Israels II, Emil Lengyl, Harold Isaacs; Tracey Phillips; Joseph Phillips; Edith Thompson, Craig Thompson, William Zukerman, Eugene Lyons, Richard Hottelot and Henry C. Wolfe (just returned from Europe). Joe Phillips, in a speech, said that the authors were scattered everywhere -- Henry Cassidy of NBS in Paris; Leland Stowe in Hungary; Hal Lehrman in Washington; Reuben Markham of the Christian Science Monitor in Boston; Paula LeCler en route to the States from Germany; George Moorad of the Oregonian in Portland; Bill Downs of CBS in Berlin; Oriana Atkinson on vacation in New England; Leo Glassman in Palestine; Sonia Tomara of the NYHT in Berlin; Ralph McGill of the Atlanta Constitution in Georgia; John Strohm of the Country Gentleman in a conference in Chicago; John Chapman of McGraw Hill on a business trip in the West; Larry LeSueur of CBS at the UN Assembly in Paris. Bob Considine, who wrote the preface to the book, was present.

Edward A. Golden, president of Golden Productions, was introduced by Bernard Estes and Gregor Ziemer. Mr. Golden has bought the motion picture rights to the book to use it as background material for a film which he will produce this winter.

Glimpsed around were: Otto Tolischus and Anne O'Hare McCormick of the N.Y. Times; Frank Webb of the N.Y. Herald Tribune; Joe Rosapepe, John Moroso and Dan Grossi of the Associated Press; Irene Kuhn, Frank McCall and Horton Heath of the National Broadcasting Co.; Mary Nornaday of the Christian Science Monitor; Leo Lania and Egbert White of the UN World; Devere Allen of the Worldover Press; Russell Anderson of McGraw-Hill; Thomas Cope of the N.Y. Daily News; Walter Gong, editor of the Nordsee Zeitung, guest of Louis Lochner; Bob Shaplen of Newsweek; William Henry Hamilton and others.

Craig Thompson explained the coordination of the club publication and how he and Joe Phillips and Bill Doerflinger had built a book which is not only filled with current material but packed with background information on Russia and the people.

Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for President, and guest speaker for the luncheon condemned both Capitalism and Communism and said that the nations of Europe feel the same way. He said that the USSR has revived the chattel slavery of the Middle Ages in its police state. Thomas declared that the UN should consider Russian aggression as a threat to world peace and recommended universal abolition of peacetime military conscription and demilitarization of narrow waterways and island bases. Thomas approved the Baruch plan for international control of atomic energy. He urged the reduction of military forces and armaments to a police level within nations.

HELP... HELP... ANY MEMBERS KNOWING OF A GOOD RESTAURANT WHERE THE PRICES ARE REASONABLE WOULD DO THE CLUB A FAVOR BY PHONING THE SECRETARY. ALL LUNCHEON COSTS SEEM TO HAVE GONE UP OVER THE SUMMER. THE COCKTAIL PARTIES IN THE CLUB ONCE A MONTH MAY BE A PARTIAL SOLUTION. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS.

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Hester E. Hensell, Editor.



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